

CURRENT REPORTS

December 16, 1983

1. LEBANONA. INR Military Update

An Italian ship evacuated 118 wounded, including 20 civilians, from Tripoli to Cyprus yesterday. Seven of the wounded will go to Greece, 10 to Yugoslavia, and the remaining 101 to Egypt, according to the ICRC. Five Greek ships are en route to Tripoli and are scheduled to evacuate Arafat and his fighters within the next few days. The Beirut area was generally quiet and the airport remains open. There were sporadic exchanges along the Alayh ridgeline and in the Shuf.

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B. Dayr al-Qamar Evacuation

The second group of 500 Dayr al-Qamar evacuees was robbed, verbally abused, and its buses stoned by Druze-dominated Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militiamen on December 16, Embassy Beirut reports. No injuries were reported. The ICRC is postponing the next convoy for 24 hours to allow emotions to cool.

Embassy Comment: The ICRC does not consider the incidents serious, but will stop the convoys completely if the situation deteriorates. The Druze actions may be a result of anger over the "escape" of Lebanese Forces militiamen from Dayr al-Qamar December 15.

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3. UK: RAMPHAL'S VIEWS ON GRENADA

Commonwealth Secretary General Ramphal told Embassy London that consensus on the proposed Commonwealth plan for Grenada is being hampered by confusion among the island's interim authorities and by

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